

70. A system as in claim 67 wherein at least one work is downloaded after determining that the work is not available at the user station.

71. A system as in claim 67 wherein works available at the user station may be included on the list.

Sub D5 72. A system as in claim 67 which includes collection software to collect information used for royalty-related payments, wherein the software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station and the remote source.

73. A system as in claim 67 which includes collection software to collect information used to keep track of the popularity of at least some of the works, wherein the software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station and the remote source.

Sub D5 74. A system as in claim 67 wherein the user station graphically displays simultaneously at least some of an inventory of available works at the remote source and at least a part of the list.

Sub D5 75. A system as in claim 74 which includes control software enabling a local user to select works from the remote inventory for insertion in the list, wherein the software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station and the remote source.

76. A system as in claim 67 which includes control software enabling a local user to sort at least some works in a remote inventory based on selected characteristics of the works and view a screen containing at least some of the sorted works, wherein the control software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source.

77. A system as in claim 67 which includes control software enabling a local user to select at least some works in a remote inventory based on selected characteristics of the works and view a screen containing at least some of the selected works, wherein the control software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source.

78. A system as in claim 67 which includes software for controlling a media writing device, coupled to the user station, whereby selected works can be written to a removable medium after the works are downloaded.

79. A system as in claim 67 which includes software for controlling a media writing device, coupled to the user station, whereby selected works can be written to a removable medium at substantially the same time the works are downloaded.

80. A system as in claim 67 which includes software enabling a user to preview at least a part of a work, wherein the software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source and, wherein the work to be previewed is one of, on the list, or, in an inventory of works at the remote source.

81. A system as in claim 67 wherein at least some of the works on the list include advertisements.

82. A system as in claim 67 wherein additional works comprising advertisements are presented at the user station at substantially the same time that works on the list are downloaded to the user station.

83. A system as in claim 68 wherein additional works comprising advertisements are presented at the user station at substantially the same time that works on the list are presented at the user station.

~~Sub~~ 84. A system as in claim 67 which includes software to collect information used for billing-related purposes, wherein the software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source.

85. A system as in claim 67 which includes software to collect information used for billing-related purposes based on presented advertisements, wherein the software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source.

86. A system as in claim 67 which includes software to calculate beats per minute for at least some works on the list, wherein the software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source.

87. A system as in claim 67 which includes software to monitor one of billing or credit.

88. A system as in claim 67 which includes software for controlling a credit establishing unit comprising at least one of a card reader or a vending unit.

89. A system as in claim 67 which includes software enabling a local user to produce a report at least in part, of the works on the list.

~~Sub 89~~ 90. A system as in claim 67 wherein at least some of the downloaded works comprise video.

91. A system as in claim 67 wherein at least some of the downloaded works are selected from a class which includes audio works, moving video works, still video works, and other predetermined sensory works.

92. A method comprising:
creating at least one list of multiple works;
downloading at least some of the works on the list from a remote source, via a communications network that is available at least intermittently, to a user station.

93. A method as in claim 92 wherein at least some of the works are presented at the user station at substantially the same time they are downloaded.

94. A method as in claim 92 wherein at least some of the works are downloaded each time they are presented on the user station.

95. A method as in claim 92 wherein at least one work is downloaded after determining that the work is not available at the user station.

96. A method as in claim 92 wherein works available at the user station may be included on the list.

~~Sub 96~~ 97. A method as in claim 92 which includes collecting information used for royalty-related payments.

98. A method as in claim 92 which includes collecting information used to keep track of the popularity of at least some of the works.

99. A method as in claim 92 including graphically displaying simultaneously at least some of the inventory of available works at the remote source and at least a part of the list.

100. A method as in claim 99 which includes enabling a local user to select works from the remote inventory for insertion in the list.

~~Sub 92~~ 101. A method as in claim 92 which includes enabling a local user to sort at least some works in a remote inventory based on selected characteristics of the works and to view a screen containing at least some of the sorted works.

102. A method as in claim 92 which includes enabling a local user to select at least some works in a remote inventory based on selected characteristics of the works and to view a screen containing at least some of the selected works.

103. A method as in claim 92 which includes controlling a media writing device, coupled to the user station, whereby selected works can be written to a removable medium after the works are downloaded.

~~Sub 92~~ 104. A method as in claim 92 which includes controlling a media writing device, coupled to the user station, whereby selected works can be written to a removable medium at substantially the same time the works are downloaded.

105. A method as in claim 92 which includes enabling a user to preview at least a part of a work, and, wherein the work to be previewed is one of, on the list, or, in an inventory of works at the remote source.

106. A method as in claim 92 wherein at least some of the works on the list include advertisements.

107. A method as in claim 92 including presenting at the user station additional works comprising advertisements at substantially the same time that works on the list are downloaded to the user station.

108. A method as in claim 93 including presenting at the user station additional works comprising advertisements at substantially the same time that works on the list are presented at the user station.

~~Sub 92~~ 109. A method as in claim 92 including collecting information used for billing-related purposes.

110. A method as in claim 92 which includes collecting information used for billing-related purposes based on presented advertisements.

111. A method as in claim 92 which includes calculating beats per minute for at least some works on the list.

~~Sub D12~~ 112. A method ~~as~~ in claim 92 including monitoring one of billing or credit.

113. A method as in claim 92 including controlling a credit establishing unit comprising at least one of a card reader or a vending unit.

114. A method as in claim 92 which includes enabling a local user to produce a report of at least some of the works on the list.

115. A method as in claim 92 wherein at least some of the downloaded works comprise video.

~~Q~~ 116. A method as in claim 92 wherein at least some of the downloaded works are selected from a class which includes audio works, moving video works, still video works, and other predetermined sensory works.

~~Sub D13~~ 117. A system comprising:

a first plurality of pre-stored instructions enabling a user to identify a selected plurality of works;

a second plurality of pre-stored instructions for presenting members of the plurality of works at a presenting station;

a third plurality of pre-stored instructions for establishing at least intermittently, a communications link between a source of works and the presenting station with at least some of the works provided at the presenting station, via the link, each time they are presented; and

a fourth plurality of pre-stored instructions for at least one of collecting royalty payment information, establishing a credit, collecting information for billing, accumulating popularity information or generating selected reports with at least a portion of the first plurality of instructions located at one of the presenting station and the source.

118. An apparatus comprising:

a first plurality of computer instructions executable at least in part at a user station for creating at least one list of multiple works; and

a second plurality of computer instructions executable at least in part at the user station for downloading at least some of the works on the list, via communications network that is available at least intermittently, from a remote source, to the user station.

119. A method comprising: